

House Resolution 577

By: Representative Jackson of the 128th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and legacy of Reverend Henry Louis Tanner; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia honors the life and legacy of the Reverend Henry Louis
- 3 Tanner; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Reverend Henry Louis Tanner was born on August 7, 1952, in Washington
- 5 County, Georgia; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he was very instrumental in the civil rights movement, alongside the late
- 7 Deacon Richard Turner, helping to bring about changes in the lives of all men, women, and
- 8 children; and
- 9 WHEREAS, he yielded himself to the call of preaching by the Lord Jesus Christ under the
- 10 profound leadership of the late Reverend Doctor W. M. Dixon at Highland Park Church; and
- 11 WHEREAS, he was baptized and filled with the Holy Ghost; and
- 12 WHEREAS, under the leadership of Reverend Doctor Dixon, he received an education at the
- 13 American Theological Seminary for one year; and
- 14 WHEREAS, he used his God-given talents and gifts to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ
- 15 throughout the State of Georgia as pastor of the following churches over a period of 40 years:
- 16 Second Community Missionary Baptist Church, St. Galille Missionary Baptist Church,
- 17 Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church, and Sunbury Church in Savannah, Georgia; and
- 18 WHEREAS, he is currently being celebrated for his 11 years of continuous faith,
- 19 commitment, and outstanding humble leadership at Highland Park Church; and

20 WHEREAS, he further dedicates his time as the first chaplain to serve under Washington
21 County Sheriff Thomas H. Smith; and

22 WHEREAS, he has been a certified police officer since 1973 and has maintained his
23 certification; and

24 WHEREAS, Reverend Henry Louis Tanner has touched hundreds upon hundreds of souls
25 through his powerful presentation of God's Holy Word.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body honor the life and legacy of Reverend Henry Louis Tanner.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
29 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
30 Reverend Henry Louis Tanner.